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Safety Toolbox

Some Sailors and Marines participate in off-duty activities that may put them at risk for accidents that could have serious consequences. In 2014, 59 Sailors and 53 Marines died in mishaps, primarily related to private motor vehicle and off-duty/shore recreation mishaps.[1] In addition to the tragic loss of lives and expenses caused by mishaps, injuries put service members on the sidelines, derailing their productivity and threatening their readiness for duty. Mixing alcohol with activities can prove to be a deadly combination. Being informed about common workplace and recreational safety hazards can keep everyone safe. In this toolbox we provide Sailors, Marines, beneficiaries, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, health promotion coordinators and health information disseminators the resources to exercise safety precautions to stay safe at work and enjoy recreational activities. Click here to learn more >>

[1] Naval Safety Center Annual Mishap Overview: FY2014. Naval Safety Center. http://www.safeharbor.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/media/FY14_Annual_Report.pdf. Published 2015. Accessed April 2016.

Quick Hit: Men's Health – It's Nothing to Play Around With

Making healthy choices includes consulting health professionals and becoming educated on what preventive measures are most important for your health. The Men's Health Quick Hit highlights information within the Health Promotion and Wellness (HPW) Men's Health infographic that can help you incorporate healthy behaviors (i.e. proper diet, exercise and positive mental health) into your life. Click here to read more >>

DOEHRS – IH: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

As of June 2017, NMCPHC updated the Industrial Hygiene (IH) model of the Defense Occupational Environmental and Health Readiness System (DOEHRS-IH) FAQ document with the latest information regarding program details. Find answers to your DOEHRS-IH questions, such as "How do I get an account for DOEHRS-IH?," "How do I get the required Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Privacy Act, Exposure Assessment and Information Awareness training to request a DOEHRS-IH account?," "How do I get an account in another program office?" and more. Click here to read more >>

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DoD Skin Repellents

The Navy Entomology Center of Excellence (NECE) recommends the following DoD skin repellent products to prevent mosquito bites for protection against potential mosquito-borne disease. Click here to learn more >>

Malaria in the Navy and Marine Corps Active Duty Population (2015 – 2016 Update)

This report of malaria cases among the Navy and Marine Corps active duty population summarizes malaria cases reported in 2015 and 2016 and provides historical data from 2005 through 2016. In 2015 and 2016, there were two and three cases of malaria among active duty service members, respectively. Historically, the malaria rate among both Sailors and Marines has varied widely from year to year across a 10-year timeframe. Rather than following a clear trend, malaria cases tend to appear in clusters and are often associated with a specific mission or exposure. Click here to learn more >>

Electronic Deployment Health Assessment (eDHA) Quick Reference Guide

The DoD Deployment Health Assessment program ensures that all service members who are deployed for more than 30 days are monitored periodically for both physical and mental health concerns as mandated by the assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs. The EpiData Center (EDC) Application Development and Data Systems Support (ADDSS) Division developed and currently maintains the electronic Deployment Health Assessment (eDHA) system to help fulfil this requirement. Administrators, providers and users can access the eDHA Quick Reference Guide for assistance in navigating the assessment. Click here to access the guide >>

DRSi Newsletter: The Reporter

The Reporter is a monthly newsletter for Military Treatment Facility (MTF) and shipboard public health staff, including users of the Disease Reporting System internet (DRSi). Each issue highlights monthly trainings, department updates, guidance and news to ensure timely recognition and control of infectious diseases. Click here to learn more >>

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Public Health Center Microbiologist Receives National Award for Innovation and Excellence

A microbiologist from NMCPHC, was recognized as the 2017 Society of American Federal Medical Laboratory Scientists (SAFMLS) Outstanding Laboratory Manager Award, in a ceremony held at NMCPHC on June 15, 2017. Lt. Cmdr. Tupur Husain, the deputy department head and microbiology component manager (MCM) for NMCPHC's Expeditionary Platforms (EXPLAT) and laboratory director overseeing Navy Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit (NEPMU) Microbiology Laboratories and Forward Deployable Preventive Medicine Unit (FDPMU) Mobile Microbiology Labs, was presented the award at the SAFMLS annual meeting and Clinical Laboratory Management Association Knowledge Lab in Nashville, Tennessee from March 26-29, 2017. Click here to read more>>

SWMI Sim Lab and VR Room Helps Prepare Students for Real World Patient Encounters

“Train like you fight, fight like you train.” This is one quote that many can say they’ve heard throughout their Naval career. The fact is, when one trains properly for real-world scenarios, it can help lead to a successful outcome. In an effort to align training and fighting, Surface Warfare Medical Institute (SWMI) opened its first Simulation Laboratory (Sim Lab) in October 2009 to provide a realistic type of training environment for students to safely practice medicine through hands-on application. In December 2013, a few years after the introduction of the Sim Lab, a Virtual Reality (VR) room was built. The VR room provides an enhanced simulated military medical environment such as the Middle East and onboard a ship.
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Defense Health Agency to Assume Oversight of DoD HIV/AIDS Prevention Program

Vice Adm. Raquel Bono, director, Defense Health Agency (DHA), visited the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) on June 8, 2017 to discuss the transition of oversight for the DoD HIV/AIDS Prevention Program's (DHAPP) from Navy Medicine to the DHA. DHAPP was established in 2001 to help contain the global health threat posed by the HIV pandemic. DHAPP's mission was, and still is, to assist foreign militaries develop Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) control programs in support of global health security and DoD security cooperation efforts. Click here to read more>>

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Spirometry Training Course

July 11 – 14	Twentynine Palms, CA
July 18 – 21	San Diego, CA
August 15 – 18	Honolulu, HI
August 22 – 25	Bremerton, WA

The Occupational and Environmental Medicine (OEM) Department of NMCPHC sponsors a spirometry training course that has been approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). There are only 28 NIOSH-approved spirometry training courses across the United States. The NMCPHC-sponsored spirometry training course is tailored to meet the occupational health needs of the Department of Navy (DoN) to include providing the course to commands inside the continental United States (CONUS) as well as outside the continental United States (OCONUS). Click here to learn more>>

DOEHRS-IH Training

July 17 – 21	Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, CA
July 31 – August 4	Naval Hospital Groton, CT

DOEHRS-IH is a web-based application that is used to collect industrial hygiene survey information. This course is designed to teach military and civilian IH personnel, who will be actively entering data into the DOEHRS-IH application, to maneuver and organize data within their IH Program Office. There is no fee for this course. However, students and their commands are responsible for their own transportation, lodging and per diem arrangements and expenses. Click here to learn more>>

DRSi Webinar – Foodborne Illness from a Veterinary Perspective

July 25	Webinar

The Preventive Medicine Program and Policy Support (PPS) Department of NMCPHC is part of a tri-service group that hosts monthly training sessions for MTF and shipboard public health staff, including users of the Disease Reporting System internet (DRSi). The training is approximately 30 minutes long and is conducted online with an accompanying dial-in phone number. Click here to learn more>>

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Tobacco Cessation Facilitator Training

July 25 Norfolk, VA

The Tobacco Cessation Facilitator Training course equips individuals with the knowledge and skills required to become Tobacco Cessation Facilitators at their local command in order to assist others with quitting tobacco. This course will familiarize attendees with individual and group treatment program approaches as well as the counseling skills and knowledge to effectively help tobacco users quit their addiction. Attendees will learn the components of the American Cancer Society's Freshstart® tobacco cessation program, as well as additional topics useful for conducting tobacco cessation such as facilitation skills and behavior change. Attendees will also receive materials and guidance to execute tobacco cessation programs at the local level. Click here to learn more>>

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Navy Entomology Center of Excellence (NECE)

NECE offers training to DoD pest management professionals to include pesticide applicator certification (approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to satisfy federal training and certification requirements for pesticide applicators); DoD pesticide applicator recertification; operational entomology training (preparing preventive medicine personnel to establish a public health pest management program); and shipboard pest management (NECE serves as the Navy program manager for shipboard pest control). Click here to learn more>>

NEPMU-2

The mission of NEPMU-2's Education and Training Department is to provide fleet and staff training, leadership and management to ensure that required professional certificates for occupational, environmental and preventive medicine professionals are met throughout the Navy and Marine Corps. Click here to learn more>>

NEPMU-5

The mission of NEPMU-5's Education and Training Department is to provide external and internal education and training, ashore and afloat, while maintaining training logistical support for deploying Forward Deployable Preventive Medicine Unit (FDPMU) teams in support of operational commanders worldwide. Services offered include CANTRAC and specialized education & training in support of Navy military and civilian personnel assigned within this unit's area of responsibility (AOR), ashore and afloat. Click here to learn more>>

NEPMU-6

The Education and Training Department of NEPMU-6 offers courses throughout the year including (but not limited to) food safety manager's course, laboratory identification of malaria training, DoD pesticide applicator certificate refresher course, shipboard pest management training and Navy ship sanitation certificate program. Click here to learn more>>

NEPMU-7

NEPMU-7 provides force health protection courses throughout the year including (but not limited to) operational entomology training, shipboard pest management and food safety manager's/supervisor's course. Click here to learn more>>